



An Historic  
Community  
with a Vision  
for the Future

# Barrington<sup>est. 1865</sup>

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## ARCorner

The Historic Preservation Overlay District was adopted in March of 2001 as part of the comprehensive amendment to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance. Since the adoption of the ordinance the Architectural Review Commission has reviewed over forty historic district petitions and held corresponding Public Hearings for neighborhood feedback. The ordinance, however, is still very new and longtime residents as well as new residents have many questions about the historic regulations.

Zoning Ordinance regulations as well as a question and answer period. The meeting will be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled Architectural Review Commission meeting. More information about the meeting will follow in upcoming newsletters.

In the March edition of the Village Newsletter the ARCorner topic was preservation of historic windows. If you are interested in refurbishing and preservation of historic windows consider contacting one of the resources below (more resources are available by contacting the Department of Building and Planning):

Janik Custom Millwork	708-482-4844
Johnson Custom Cabinets	847-381-7774
Renaissance Restoration, Inc	815-777-0556
Restoration Works, Inc	815-937-0556

If you have further questions regarding the Historic Preservation District, please contact Keith Sbiral, Senior Planner, at 847-304-3460 or email at [keithsbiral@ci.barrington.il.us](mailto:keithsbiral@ci.barrington.il.us).

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The Village of Barrington will hold an informational meeting about the H Historic Preservation Overlay District on



**October 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village of Barrington Village Hall Board Room. The meeting will include a presentation of the current

## Barrington Memorial Park Golf Tournament



Memorial Park has been established in Barrington, to remember the men and women who have served our communities. Our appreciation for the police officers and fire fighters who have either

served or died in the line of duty will be forever honored in this fine community park. This vision will not be possible without your participation. Our goal is to 100\$ fund the creation of this park with community donations. Therefore, it was decided to get together on the golf course to raise funds, have a little fun and celebrate our "wiffs" and "goofs" in the Cary County Club Clubhouse (Dinner/ Cocktails).

Come join us for a GREAT DAY and a chance to  
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# Natural Landscaping

Traditional landscaping and landscape management practices, while meeting human needs and aesthetics, can have some very harmful effects. The clearing of native woodlands and other natural habitats for urban and suburban growth and the subsequent planting of grounds with vast lawns and manicured arrangements of exotic ornamental plants places a heavy toll on the environment. This type of landscape requires extensive resources (water and fossil fuels), frequent application of fertilizers and pesticides, and generates enormous quantities of solid waste. Furthermore, our surface and ground waters are being polluted, destructive flooding is becoming more commonplace, our neighborhoods' tranquility and air quality are being compromised by noisy, polluting landscape equipment, and our landfills are being consumed by yard waste.

Since we cannot forever continue to abuse our surroundings and still expect to maintain a healthy, attractive community, we must learn to balance our need with those of the environment. Natural landscaping, in addition to protecting and conserving our natural resources, can also save considerable time and money through reduced maintenance requirements. Here are just a few of the principles that revolve around balancing our needs and our sense of beauty with those of nature:

- Protect existing natural areas to the greatest extent possible.

- Select regionally native plants to form the backbone of your landscape.
- Reduce the use of traditional turf. Instead, use woodland, meadow or other natural plantings.
- Reduce the use of pesticides.
- Compost and mulch onsite if possible. It not only eliminates solid waste that ends up in the landfill, but also provides a soil additive that can replace the need for most fertilizers
- Practice soil and water conservation.
- Use plantings to reduce heating/cooling needs. Trees are nature's air conditioners in the summer and block prevailing NW winds in the winter.
- Avoid the use of invasive exotic plantings that out-compete native plants. Norway maples, kudzu, purple loostrike, Japanese honeysuckle and multiflora rose are just a few exotics that can take over very quickly.

For more information about the economic benefits of naturescapes and a step by step guide to creating a natural landscape and backyard wildlife habitat, check out Noah's Notes at [www.noahsnotes.com](http://www.noahsnotes.com). The National Wildlife Federation also provides comprehensive information on a variety of topics relative to naturescapes on their website at [www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat).

## Mosquitoes – West Nile Virus

As previously mentioned in the June 2003 Newsletter, the Village believes that the only sure source of protection against West Nile Virus (WNV) is one's own self-protection. Several agencies and associations located within the Village spray/ treat for mosquitoes. The Northwest Mosquito Abatement District treats the Cook County side of the Village; the Lake County side of the Village is covered by a combination of Homeowners Associations that have taken on the responsibility themselves to treat for this virus. These subdivisions include: Barrington Meadows, Carriage Trail, Chippendale, Eastwood, Flint Creek, Fox Point

and Jewel Park. Should other homeowners associations located in the Village in Lake County choose to provide treatment, it is encouraged to contact Clarke Mosquito Control at 800-323-5727 ext. 3112. Check your June Village Report for a list of things that can be done to prevent mosquito breeding.

For more information regarding this topic, contact the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at 847-537-2306 or Lake County Health Dept. and Community Health Center at 847-949-9925 or [www.co.lake.il.us/health/westnile.htm](http://www.co.lake.il.us/health/westnile.htm), or call Cook County Health, 708-492-2035.



# Golf Tournament

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win up to **\$100,000** in cash and prizes!

Where: Cary Country Club  
 When: Monday, September 15, 11:00 a.m.  
 Registration/ 12:00 p.m. Shotgun  
 Cocktails/  
 Dinner: 6:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$175.00 per person, \$700 per  
 foursome (Limit of 128 Players)  
 Events: Scramble, Long Drive, Closest to the  
 Hole, Win a Car w/ Hole-in-one,  
 Raffles & Auction

For more information contact Steve Miller 847/682-9763, email [smiller@intensemktg.net](mailto:smiller@intensemktg.net) or visit the Village website at [www.ci.barrington.il.us](http://www.ci.barrington.il.us).

## EJ&E Railroad Crossing Improvements

The EJ&E Railroad Company have tentatively scheduled the rehabilitation of their crossing on North Hough Street just north of James Street for the second or third week in October, 2003. In order for the railroad to execute this work, North Hough Street will be closed to both north and south bound traffic at this location for approximately six days with a temporary detour established by the railroad and IDOT for vehicular traffic during the construction.

As soon as the Village receives the final construction schedule from the EJ&E Railroad and the detour plan from IDOT, the information will be placed in the October 2003 Village Newsletter.

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS



*Meetings are held at Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St, unless noted, and are open to the public. Call 304-3400 for information.*

### August:

04	Fire/ Police Commission	6:30 pm
05	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
07	Planning Zoning Econ Dev	8:45 am
11	Administrative Services Com	6:00 pm
11	Village Board	8:00 pm
12	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
14	Architectural Services Com	7:30 pm
25	Public Works Com	7:00 pm
25	Village Board	8:00 pm
26	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
27	Fire Pension	7:00 pm
28	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm

### September:

02	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
04	Planning zoning Econ Dev	8:45 am
08	Administrative Services Com	6:00 pm
08	Fire/ Police Commission	6:30 pm
08	Village Board	8:00 pm
09	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
11	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
15	Committee of the Whole	7:00 pm
22	Village Board	8:00 pm
23	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
25	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm

## Our Town Barrington Volunteers (OTBV)

"Our Town Barrington - Volunteers" will host a variety of downtown performances and activities this summer. OTBV, which has been meeting since January 2002, continues to concentrate on economic development, promotion, and design improvements of the downtown area. Current projects include: coordinating a facade improvement program, finding ways for local merchants to benefit from Farmers' Market Days, developing historical markers for downtown buildings and discussing ideas for attracting people to our Village Center.

OTBV is represented on the Joint Economic Revitalization Partnership, joining members from the Village Board and the Chamber of Commerce. OTBV board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. The yearly membership is \$25. Please contact David or Carol Nelson at 847/381-6504 for any further information.



# BACOG NEWS

Barrington Area Council of Governments

Spring/Summer 2003

## Our Mission:

"To Foster Cooperation and Strategies to Address Regional Challenges and Support the Comprehensive Plan"

### **A Note from the Editor:**

This issue of *BACOG News* highlights many efforts with and by local elected officials, resident volunteers and other governmental entities. It is a pleasure meeting so many people through BACOG and a privilege to work with them. This synergy of cooperation sustains the quality of our environment and the character and sense of the community.

Respectfully, Loretta Peterson

### **2003 BACOG LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

The 2003 Legislative Platform was approved unanimously by the BACOG board on February 25, 2003 and promptly forwarded to our state legislators. The platform provides a structure for action to be taken by the Legislative Committee and the BACOG Executive Director, who serves as a lobbyist on behalf of the BACOG villages and works one-on-one with our state elected officials. The Platform includes:

- Support for Groundwater Protection
- Support for Enabling Legislation for Development Impact Fees
- Support for the Extension of Route 53 in Lake County
- Support for Modifications to State Disconnection Legislation
- Support for Sensible Growth Initiatives and Funding for Local Planning Efforts
- Support for Allowing Governments to Require a Letter of Credit for Development
- Support to Preserve State Shared Revenues at Current Levels

Establishing the Platform developed by the BACOG Legislative Committee and working closely with our legislators promotes and protects the tenets of the BACOG Comprehensive Plan. These efforts bring awareness to the special needs of our area.

**The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG)** is a voluntary association of elected officials representing seven villages in the Barrington area. BACOG is a regional planning organization that serves to foster discussion, to study area needs, and to promote coordination of activities to solve problems of a regional nature.

### **BACOG Member Villages:**

Tower Lakes	Leonard Kuskowski, Village President and 2002-2003 BACOG Chairperson
Barrington	Marshall Reagle, Village President
Barrington Hills	James Kempe, Village President
Deer Park	Richard Karl, Village President
Lake Barrington	Connie Schofield, Village President
North Barrington	Linda Starkey, Village President
South Barrington	Frank Munao, Village President

### **LOCAL OFFICIALS TRAINING**

BACOG hosted a Local Officials Training program on April 23, 2003. The program was an orientation on government authorities, responsibilities and procedures. Twenty-six officials from BACOG-area village boards, plan commissions, zoning boards of appeals and township boards attended the event which was held at the North Barrington Village Hall. Approximately half of the attendees were newly elected in April's election.

Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director of BACOG, began the program with an overview of BACOG's history and role in the region. William Braithwaite and Nancy Harbottle of Amstein and Lehr, the speakers assembled for this program, presented topics on municipal government and law, including: duties and powers of village president and village board, village code and village ordinances, resolutions and motions, and the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. The session ended with the presenters answering local officials' questions on issues specific to their villages or townships. The event also provided an opportunity for local officials to network and meet their counterparts in other villages.

## **COLLECTIVE EFFORTS** **...TO PROTECT OUR RESOURCES**

The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is pleased to announce that Barrington Township and Cuba Township have joined BACOG in its efforts to research and study groundwater resources in the region. Cuba Township and Barrington Township contributed \$6,000 each to fund a part-time intern who is assisting the BACOG Water Resources Committee to develop the report. Barrington Township Supervisor Gene Dawson commented on the township's support, "As an integral part of the BACOG community, we felt compelled to assist in this project in light of the recent newspaper articles regarding water levels, water quality and flooding."

BACOG residents, in municipal and township areas alike, are dependent on water from the underground aquifers for potable water and all other water needs. Most residents utilize wells in the shallow aquifers, and no other sources of water are expected to become available to this region. "Cuba Township fully supports this endeavor to protect local water resources, and we are happy to partner with BACOG on behalf of all our area residents," said David Nelson, Supervisor of Cuba Township.

In April 2001, the BACOG Board created a Water Resources Committee to study groundwater in the greater BACOG region. The study covers the entire BACOG area, including unincorporated township areas, plus several miles beyond. When complete, the report and associated baseline data, aquifer maps, and development and water consumption projections will be shared with the townships, municipalities and the public.

The committee has worked diligently since its inception. At the January 28, 2003 board meeting, the WRC advisors demonstrated data collected to date. The WRC is working with the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) to measure the level of water in local wells. Much environmental data has been imported to our regional computer-mapping program, Geographic Information System (GIS). BACOG boundaries and development forecasts are being defined by committee members. Water consumption has been analyzed by residential, commercial and industrial land uses, and consumption forecasts are in progress. The township-funded intern and committee advisors will use GIS to interpret all the

data. BACOG's work and synchronization of all efforts will produce this vitally important study on a natural resource which directly impacts the region now and in the future.

## **...TO PRESERVE OUR PAST**

With the goal of preserving the history of our region, BACOG decided last fall to support the designation of village historians throughout the area. Following a presentation by the Barrington Area Historical Society (BAHS) in November, the Board agreed that each village will consider designating a local historian, also called a "Local History Coordinator". The coordinators will work collectively with BAHS to promote local history through education, preservation, identifying buildings, and archiving documents and artifacts of historical significance.

As of May, five of the seven BACOG villages have designated local residents as Local History Coordinators. BACOG will continue to support this regional project on historic preservation as the villages name their coordinators and begin training with BAHS.

## **...AND TO FORECAST THE FUTURE**

BACOG recently joined forces with the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) to generate forecasts for population and jobs for the BACOG municipalities. NIPC produces forecasts for the six-county metropolitan area which are used by other organizations for many purposes such as transportation planning and allocating Lake Michigan water, for example. BACOG hosted meetings with NIPC staff and village officials where an innovative GIS-based software was used to "paint the towns".

Using "Paint the Town" software, BACOG and village officials drew possible future municipal boundaries on a computer touch screen and then "painted" desired or expected land uses to occur by 2030. As the "painting" took place, the program generated new total numbers of residents, housing units and jobs. With the data from the BACOG villages and 265 other municipalities, NIPC will develop a 2030 forecast for the metropolitan region by fall 2003. The forecasting work currently being done by the BACOG Water Resources Committee will be used to adjust and fine tune the NIPC data for our area.

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## Village Vision

*The Vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.*

*The Community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.*

## HOT TIPS

### SAVE THE DATE

October 18, 2003 – Scarecrow Festival. Volunteers will be needed. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact 847/304-3444.

## Household Chemical Waste Collections from 8:00am – 2:30pm

**August 9** – Round Lake Beach Metra Train Station West of Hwy. 83 off of Hook Drive

**September 6** – Lake Forest Municipal Service Center 110 E. Laurel Drive

**September 20** – Grayslake Campus College of Lake County Brea Loch Road entrance off of Hwy. 45

### LATEX PAINT WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED!

The following materials are typical household chemical wastes, usually included in a one-day HCW drop-off event. To help determine if something is a household chemical waste, look for the words "danger", "toxic", "flammable", "corrosive" and/or "reactive" somewhere on the products packaging.

### MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Oil based paint, solvents, old prescriptions, used motor oil, household cleaners, household batteries (alkaline & rechargeable), antifreeze,

### Emergency (Fire/Police/EMS) 9-1-1

Village Hall .....304-3400

Village Manager..... 304-3444

Admin. Services ..... 304-3400

Building & Planning..... 304-3460

Economic Dev..... 304-3440

Fire Dept.....304-3600

Police Dept.....304-3300

Public Works..... 381-7903

Water/Sewer Billing..... 304-3430

garden/lawn chemicals, pool chemicals, asbestos, old gasoline, fungicides, insecticides, pesticides, metal polishes, paint remover, driveway sealer, drain cleaner, aerosol products, hobby chemicals, mercury (including thermometers & thermostats).

### MATERIALS "NOT" ACCEPTED

Business/ Institutional Wastes, Explosives/ Ammunition, Fire Extinguishers, Lead-Acid Batteries, Tires, Latex Paint, Agricultural Chemicals, Fireworks, Propane Tanks, Smoke Detectors, & Medical Wastes.

Tires & lead acid batteries (auto & boat batteries) can be recycled at any retail outlet that sells them. Residents can call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 for further information on the HCW collection events or call Barrington Public Works at 847-381-7903.